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SUBJ: IRAN'S SURPLUS PROPERTY DEBT

REF: STATE 007043 AND PREVIOUS

1. HAVING RECEIVED NO OBJECTION FROM GOI, BRITISH EMBASSY DCM
HERE HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF 1948 IRAN-UK FINANCIAL
SETTLEMENT. FROM A QUICK READING OF THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS BETWEEN GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY AND BRITISH EMBASSY WHICH
CONSTITUTE THE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT, WE DO NOT FIND ANY "HOLD
HARMLESS" OR "QUIT CLAIM" LANGUAGE INDICATING THAT GOI ACCEP-
TANCE OF POUND STERLING 8.2 MILLION CONSTITUTES ABANDONMENT OF
ANY SUBSEQUENT CLAIM AGAINST U.S. WE ARE TRANSMITTING TEXT OF
BRITISH EMBASSY NOTE OF JUNE 19, 1948 VIA SEPTTEL AND WILL TRANS-
MIT COPY OF DOCUMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES VIA
POUCH FOR ATTENTION NEA/IRN (NAAS). WE WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT STUDYING THESE DOCUMENTS AND ADVISING EMBASSY OF
THEIR RELEVANCE TO IRAN'S COUNTER CLAIM FOR ALLEGED DAMAGE
TO IRANIAN RAILWAYS DURING WORLD WAR II.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISER COURSE OF ACTION TO HAVE
DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF 1948 FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT IN
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HAND BEFORE APPROACHING YEGANEH. IT MIGHT BE ADDED ALSO THAT
YEGANEH, WE UNDERSTAND, IS ONLY BARELY FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS
OF OUR LEND-LEASE CLAIM AND AN APPROACH AT THIS TIME WOULD
ONLY BRING THE RESPONSE THAT HE WOULD "LOOK INTO MATTER" AND
GET BACK TO US. EMBOFF TODAY SPOKE WITH MEAF UNDER SECRETARY
ASHRAFI TO SAY THAT LEND-LEASE DEBT IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND THAT
SENATE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE CITED REFTTEL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ZERO

IN ON IRAN'S DEBT DURING JANUARY 23 HEARINGS. ASHRAFI IN REPLY
ASKED FOR A NOTE FROM EMBASSY ON THIS POINT AND PROMISED TO
PROVIDE A FULL REPORT TO HIS MINISTER. ONCE YAGANEH IS SENSI-
TIZED BY HIS OWN STAFF ON LEND-LEASE DEBT, EMBASSY WILL PURSUE
MATTER ONCE AGAIN.
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